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A.B.A.T.E. OF NORTHERN NEVADA

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cars hitting motorcycles = more insurance claim \$.

Another avenue we will be exploring is using Nevada's existing motorcycle media to inform Nevada motorcyclists about ABATE of Northern Nevada's accomplishments, activities, and goals. I will soon be writing to S-Curve and asking for their involvement and assistance. The S-Curve publication would be a great media to inform Nevada motorcyclists about us, and ultimately get more motorcyclists active in the freedom fight. I would also like to see some of our accomplishments and goals mentioned in Thunder Press, on a regular basis.

I have been invited to speak to the Republican's Woman's Party luncheon on May 4, 2006. My presentation will explain what ABATE has in common with organizations such as the Blue Ribbon Coalition, The Shovel Brigade, the Nevada United Four Wheelers Association and Elko's County Commissioners.

John Bland, President
A.B.A.T.E. of Northern Nevada

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has become apparent that ABATE of Northern Nevada is at another crossroad or plateau on our mission for freedom. We are now a leading motorcycle rights organization in our state and with that comes additional responsibility and commitment from our members. Our most aggressive members are marching onward and they need to know that our ABATE membership supports them. The level of this commitment was the topic of conversation at our last monthly meeting. After much discussion, it was agreed upon that we are headed in the right direction, volunteer helmet use is worth fighting for, and our members are willing to step forward when needed. ABATE of Northern Nevada is willing to take the lead as Nevada's most aggressive motorcycle rights

organization. These are big shoes we have created for ourselves; it's now time to step into them and march forward freedom fighters!

For ABATE of Northern Nevada to be effective we must get the support of the Confederation of Motorcyclists, North and South. John Ellison still thinks we may need to be willing to address helmet freedom by county population, we will keep this under our hat, but this is not our only approach at this time. Dale and I are in the process of getting on the next Confederation agenda to request their support. We need the voting power from the Confederation at critical times; we need the influence of their e-mails, letters, and their bodies present during the legislative session. Motorcycles and motorcyclists

need to fill the streets and halls of Carson next year during the legislative session. We must get the legislators attention and not give up or go away. We must remain a burr in their saddle, a stone in their shoe. We must convince them to look at the facts and stop ignoring the people they are responsible to. They need to know, that we know, they are being influenced by the insurance companies clout and financial greed. Insurance companies do not consider the value of personal freedom when calculating their financial spread sheets. They have obviously realized that fewer motorcyclists on the road hit by their car policy holders save (or make) them a lot of money. Freedom of choice States = more motorcycles = more

Living on the Edge By CJ

The sun gods and the weather man were good to the ABATE members that made the annual pilgrimage to Beatty and Death Valley this year. Riding a motorcycle out of Elko the end of April is always a little risky. This year, after about 5 years of questionable weather, we got lucky. It was a great ride Thursday after work to Eureka. ABATE members in attendance were, John and I, Dale and Vicky, Bud and Trudy, Donny and Susan and Bill and Diane. Bill Hartsock had a last minute problem with his motorcycle when it lost a belt in their driveway, so instead they became our chase vehicle in their pickup.

We arrived easily in Eureka and checked into our rooms at the Sundown Lodge, all had rooms reserved except for Donny. His room was listed under an apparent alias "Dorothy" Wisner. Well of course that was the joke for the weekend from then on. We had dinner and cocktails at the Owl Club and then some serious partying at the Keyhole Bar. There may be some unfamiliar faces in the photos from that night, most likely local bar patrons and new found friends. By 10:00am on Friday morning we were all ready and able to continue on the journey.

We decided this year to take a side trip to Belmont, Nevada. The town of Belmont is located east of Tonopah, at one time it was the county seat. Today what remains of the historic town are the court house, which we were able to tour, and a bed and breakfast inn and a couple other houses and a bar. A lot of the original buildings that were constructed out of local rock are barely standing. We were interested in this area because of ABATE members Bill and Diane Hartsock. Diane's mother Virginia Stewart, wrote a book called "Golden Gravel." Diane's parents lived in the nearby town of Manhatten and she wrote the book chronicling their life in and around the areas of Belmont, Manhatten and Tonopah. It was a great adventure for all of us and we felt lucky to have Bill and Diane with us since they are both very familiar with the area, the people and the history. If any of you are interested in reading the book "Golden Gravel," I'm sure Diane would be glad to hook you up with a copy.

During our visit there on Friday they had a bus load of tourist from Las Vegas and Diane gave an impromptu book signing with books that had been at the Inn.

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It was an interesting and fun side trip for all of us. We still managed to arrive in Beatty around 6:00 pm and meet up with ABATE member and friend Ron Orlando and Donna from Sparks. Ron also brought along a buddy Rory, who joined ABATE by the end of the weekend. There were no hitches with the rooms in Beatty, so Trudy's only comment to Donny, Maddog, Dorothy, Wisner was to watch out for those dirt twisters in the desert or he could end up in Kansas. On Saturday most of the ABATE group, Donny, Susan, Bud, Trudy, Ron, Donna, Rory and Dale took a day ride to Scotty's Castle and Death Valley. I think they mostly enjoyed the day although it was 110 degrees on Saturday in Death Valley and a couple of people got a little overheated. On the other hand John Bland took Vicky and I, flea market shopping in Beatty, in only 90 degree heat. John had to regroup himself by taking a mid afternoon nap, no matter, Vicky and I kept right on shopping. At this point we were happy to have Bill and Diane's pickup along to bring our treasures home. On Saturday night and throughout the weekend we made several visits to the Sourdough Saloon, they make great pizza and it is a good place to hang out. There is also a good Mexican Restaurant in Beatty, called the Encinitas Grill, where we all ate dinner on Saturday night. We also caught up with a group of motorcyclists out of Orange County, California called the "Assholes." Yes, that is their name and they are proud of it. They are a great bunch of people who travel to Beatty each year the same as we do for fun and sun. As we sat outside having a beer on Saturday night, it was still 80 degrees at 9:00pm. Bud had an idea that Donny could get a tattoo of Toto, the dog from the Wizard of Oz, and Toto could be chewing up the ruby slippers, but I don't think Donny, Maddog, Dorothy, Wisner is going for that one. We love you anyway Donny. Sunday morning came much too fast, but our good fortune with the weather continued. We all arrived home in Elko safely on Sunday. The only mishap was a flying insect that smacked me in the forehead on the trip home and then promptly fell down the front of my shirt, lucky for me it was not a bee, or I'm sure I would have grown a third breast by the time we arrived in Carlin. If any of you thought we were not going to have Morman Crickets this year, well you would be wrong. We rode through crickets coming and going between Eureka and Austin and Eureka and Carlin. They are only about one half inch in size right now, but none the less they still stink when you ride through them, so practice putting your knees on the gas tank of your bike and you will be ready for the summer riding season.

Pictures from the Beatty Trip
Thanks to Dale Andrus for Sending
These to Me. (grrr we didn't get to
go. grrrr, deb)



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Signed _____

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>>KANSAS REPEALS HANDLEBAR HEIGHT LAW

House Bill 2296, the handlebar height repeal of existing state statute, was added as an amendment to Senate Bill 278, which eventually passed the Senate by a vote of 38 Yeas and 2 Nays.

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>>"Current statute states that if a rider's hands are at or above shoulder height, it was a violation," said Chris Maurich, Lobbyist for ABATE of Kansas. "I testified that this had never been a safety issue, rather a harassment issue. Modern language called this profiling, and ABATE of Kansas wanted no limitations, period."

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>>When questioned by a member of the House who asked "How tall would you recommend?" Maurich informed the House that they wanted to eliminate all reference to measurement. "As a colleague from Minnesota told the legislature there, we have overpasses in the state."

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>>Ape hangers will be legal in Kansas, upon publishing this bill in the statute book.

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 www.bikernation.us
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 www.lets-ride.com
 www.nevadagop.org
 www.thereidworld.com
 www.damnbikers.com (good jokes)
 www.harleylovers.proboards56.com
 www.CycleQuest.com
 www.AMAdirectlink.com

If you have a favorite website, send it to me and I'll post it. Thanks, Deb

Welcome and Thanks to the Following New and/or Renewed Members:

Dan & Brandie Allen	Kathy Troutman
Ken and Eva Wellington	Jamie Moe
T.A. and B.J. Silva	Bill & Nancy Larsen
Don Gantenbein	Johnny & Dallas Cunningham
Leo Cormier	Ken Weight
Dwayne Bratten	Todd Turville

Dayle Everts won the 50/50 Drawing at the April Meeting and donated it all back to ABATE. Thanks Dayle.

'But, You Didn't See Me' (Author Unknown, But Appreciated)

I saw you; Hug your purse closer to you in the grocery store line. But, you didn't see me, Put an extra \$10.00 in the collection plate last Sunday.

I saw you; Pull your child closer when we passed each other on the sidewalk. But, you didn't see me, Playing Santa at the local mall.

I saw you; Change your mind about going into the restaurant. But, you didn't see me, attending a meeting to raise more money for the hurricane relief.

I saw you, Roll up your window and shake your head when I drove by. But, you didn't see me, Driving behind you when you flicked your cigarette butt out the car window.

I saw you, Frown at me when I smiled at your children. But, you didn't see me, when I took time off from work to run toys to the homeless.

I saw you, Stare at my long hair. But, you didn't see me, and my friends cut ten inches off for Locks of Love.

I saw you; Roll your eyes at our leather coats and gloves. But, you didn't see me, and my brothers donate our old coats and gloves to those that had none.

I saw you; Look in fright at my tattoos. But, you didn't see me, Cry as my children were born and have their name written over and in my heart.

I saw you, Change lanes while rushing off to go somewhere. But, you didn't see me, Going home to be with my family.

I saw you, Complain about how loud and noisy our bikes can be. But, you didn't see me, when you were changing the CD and drifted into my Lane.

I saw you, Yelling at your kids in the car. But, you didn't see me, Pat my child's hands, knowing he was safe behind me.

I saw you, Reading the newspaper or map as you drove down the road. But, you didn't see me, squeeze my wife's leg when she told me to take the next turn.

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I saw you, Race down the road in the rain. But, you didn't see me, Get soaked to the skin so my son could have the car to go on his date.

I saw you; Run the yellow light just to save a few minutes of time. But, you didn't see me, trying to turn right.

I saw you; Cut me off because you needed to be in the lane I was in. But, you didn't see me leave the road.

I saw you, Waiting impatiently for my friends to pass. But, you didn't see me. I wasn't there.

I saw you; Go home to your family. But, you didn't see me. Because, I died that day you cut me off.

I was just a Biker ...A person with friends and a family.

*Pass this on to all your co-workers and friends who drive a car and conclude your letter with the words **'LOOK OUT FOR MOTORCYCLES' OR 'START SEEING MOTORCYCLES'**. If this poem doesn't make everyone you know stop and think nothing will. Perhaps after reading it they will take a second to look or at least they will see 'bikers' in a different light. (Thanks to Connie for sending this in.)*

IDAHO PASSES RED LIGHT LAW

Idaho has become the fourth state to pass a law allowing a motorcycle to ride through a red light after stopping and meeting certain standards.

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>>S1367, which was promoted by ABATE of North Idaho, allows a motorcycle to proceed through a traffic-actuated signal if it is stuck on red.

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>>Governor Dirk Kempthorne signed S1367 into law, which takes effect July 1, 2006.

>>Arkansas, Minnesota and Tennessee are the other three states to pass similar legislation

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<http://www.politics1.com/nv.htm>

WHO'S RUNNING FOR GOVERNOR?

[Kenny Guinn (R)* - Not Eligible to Seek Re-Election in 2006.]

Bob Beers (R) - State Sen. & Accountant

Jim Gibbons (R) - Congressman, Ex-State Assemblyman, Attorney, USAF Veteran & '94 Nominee

Lorraine Hunt (R) - Lt. Governor, Ex-Clark County Commissioner & Banker

Jim Gibson (D) - Henderson Mayor

Oscar Goodman (D) - Las Vegas Mayor & Attorney (potential candidate)

Phil Satre (D) - Gaming Executive (potential candidate)

Dina Titus (D) - State Senate Minority Leader, College Professor & Author



For Sale

See Ad Below

1971 Harley Davidson XLCH Sportster, 900cc, aka an Ironhead. Customized tank, paint, chrome, carb, mustang seat and electric start. New battery, wiring harness, coil and handgrips. Has been loved and ridden and as it enters the prime of its antiqued custom years, needs a "tinkerer" at its side. Comes with two manuals as well. \$5,000.00 or most decent offer. 738-3377 or 397-5937.

BBQ at GOODTIME CHARLIE'S

Bandidos MC, Goodtime Charlie's and Bodybags Printing is sponsoring a BBQ and Band at Noon Sat. 13th of May after the Blessing of the Bikes
\$5.00 a plate or \$10.00 with a (Driven by the Spirit) T shirt.

World's Shortest Political Quiz: (I tried this. I was amazed to find out I should be registered as a Libertarian. Try it. It's fun. Debo)

You'll be asked just 10 questions, and then it instantly tells you where you stand politically. It shows your position as a red dot on a 'political map' so you'll see exactly where you score. The most interesting thing about the Quiz is that it goes beyond the Democrat, Republican, and Independent. The Quiz has gotten a lot of praise. The Washington Post said it has 'gained respect as a valid measure of a person's political leanings.' The Fraser Institute said it's 'a fast, fun, and accurate assessment of a person's overall political views.' Suite University said it is the 'most concise and accurate political quiz out there.' <http://www.theadvocates.org/quiz.html> (from www.CycleQuest.com)

The Nevada Rider Motorcycle Safety program

Motorcycle courses are offered state-wide. Training sites are located in Reno, Carson City, Elko, Hawthorne, Winnemucca, Ely, Empire, NAS Fallon, Tonopah, Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, and Henderson. To enroll, you must call the training site registration staff.

For Reno, call Truckee Meadows Community College at (775) 829-9010.

For Carson City, call Western Nevada Community College at (775) 445-4268.

For Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, Henderson, or Tonopah, call the Community College of Southern Nevada at (702) 651-5790.

For Elko, Hawthorne, Winnemucca, Ely, Empire, or NAS Fallon, you may call the Nevada Rider Motorcycle Safety Program at (775) 684-7480

June 9-11, 2006, Basic Rider Course, Elko, NV

Location: Elko DMV

Class Size: 12

Cost: \$100

June 24 and 25, 2006, EXPERIENCED Rider Course, Elko, NV

Location: Elko DMV

Class Size: 12

Cost: \$60

(from: <http://www.nevadarider.com>)

Your Help is Needed at Runamucca

A.B.A.T.E of Northern Nevada will have a Booth at Runamucca May 26, 27, 28, and 29. We will be selling A.B.A.T.E. Merchandise and having a lot of fun. Please come and donate a few hours of your time to help run the booth.

>>NCOM NEWS BYTES

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>>BUSH NEW CHIEF OF STAFF IS A HARLEY MAN The favorite ride of the president's new chief of staff is a Harley Fat Boy, and to appreciate how much of an insider Joshua Bolten has become in the Bush administration, suffice it to say that Bolten keeps a spare hog at President Bush's Texas ranch.

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>>"I've ridden motorcycles for a long time. It's not just a midlife crisis," Bolten told the cable network C-SPAN in an interview last year. "The one that I ride most now, the one that's really close to my heart, is the Harley-Davidson Fat Boy, a 2003 anniversary edition."

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>>Bolten, 51, crafted campaign policy for the president and served as deputy chief of staff before becoming director of the Office of Management and Budget in June 2003. That entailed frequent travel with Bush, which led to Bolten leaving a motorcycle at the Prairie Chapel Ranch near Crawford, Texas.

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>>In his OMB office, he displays a motorcycle gas tank commemorating the 100th anniversary of Harley-Davidson. During the 2000 campaign, he formed Bikers for Bush.

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>>Bolten, who has never married, gained particular notoriety when he gave a motorcycle ride at one of the group's rallies to actress Bo Derek. >>

>>"You need to clear your mind of everything else," Bolten has said of biking, "because if you're not concentrating properly when you're riding a motorcycle, you're putting your life in danger."

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>>That focus is useful for a chief of staff who literally holds other people's lives in his hands. Holding one of Washington's most powerful jobs, Bolten will be managing a flow of daily briefings for the president on everything from national security to natural calamity.

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>>The Bush administration considers Bolten "well-respected" inside and outside the administration, with White House spokesman Scott McClellan saying: "The president believes he was the best person for the job."

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>>One of his personal effects he relocated from his grand Eisenhower Executive Office Building quarters to a less-spacious but more prestigious corner perch in the West Wing only steps from the Oval Office, was a motorcycle-shaped menorah.

**May is Motorcycle Awareness Month
Watch for Newspaper Articles and
Listen for PSA's on the Radio
Remind everyone you know,
It's Time to Share the Road**



**A.B.A.T.E. of Northern Nevada
will be holding elections
at the June 8th Meeting.**

Clean Up Green Up Elko Day is May 20th. ABATE will be handing out t-shirts for the event and helping with trash clean up. Please watch for e-mails announcing the time and place to meet. Please donate a few hours of your time to help. Thank you.

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2006 Elko County Election Dates

May 1 First day to file declaration of candidacy
 May 12 Last day to file declaration of candidacy
 May 23 Last day candidate can withdraw name from ballot
 July 15 Last day to register to vote by mail or at an agency
 July 25 Last day to register to vote in county clerk's office
 July 29 Early voting for primary election begins
 Aug 11 Last day of early voting for primary
 Aug 15 Primary election
 Oct 7 Last day to register by mail or at an agency
 Oct 17 Last day to register in the County Clerk's Office
 Oct 21 Early voting begins
 Oct 27 Nevada Day, no early voting
 Nov 3 Last day of early voting
 Nov 7 GENERAL ELECTION

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Blessing of the Bikes
May 13th 10:00 A.M.
Barbecue Afterwards at
Good Time Charlee's

UPCOMING EVENTS

- A.B.A.T.E. Meeting May 11, 7:00 P.M. Round Table by Raleys
(A.B.A.T.E. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 P.M. at the Round Table by Raley's.)
- Bike Nite is Every Non-ABATE meeting Thursday at 6:00 P.M. Everyone is Welcome.
We will be at the Elko City Park by the Museum. Bring your own food.
- May is Motorcycle Awareness Month
- May 13, 2006 Blessing of the Bikes, BBQ at GoodTime Charlee's
- May 20th Clean Up Green Up Elko Day. Watch for e-mails.
- May 26th, 27th, & 28th 2006 Run-A-Mucca Rally
- June 11th, 2006 Pediatric Brain Tumor Charity Run
- June 15, 16, 17, 18th 2006 MRF Conference, Prescott AZ
- June 16, 17, 18th 2006 Elko Motorcycle Jamboree
- July 7, 8, 9 Mean Mountain Run Mammoth Lakes
- July 14, 15, 16th 2006 Taylor Canyon Run
- September 1, 2, 3, and 4 Banbury's Hot Springs Hagerman, ID